

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

ORDER

v.

08-cr-87-bbc

JARRELL MURRAY,

Defendant.

On November 7, 2008, counsel for defendant Jarrell Murray filed an ex parte motion for an order directing telephone access to her client. Counsel reports that her client is in federal custody in the Lafayette County Jail in Mississippi (LCJ) awaiting transport to this district to face charges. Counsel reports that she must communicate immediately with her client at LCJ in order to convey an oral communication from the U.S. Attorney's Office. Although counsel does not say so, I surmise that the government has made a plea offer with an expiration date. Counsel reports that she cannot reach her client because LCJ's telephone service provider does not allow collect calls to Dane county Wisconsin, and LCJ's policies do not allow calls into the jail of the sort that counsel tried to arrange with her client. The court understands and is sensitive to LCJ's need for consistent policies on telephone contact with its prisoners. However, in this case, there is a legitimate need for counsel to communicate promptly with her client, and the collect-call policy of LCJ does not allow such communication to occur.

Therefore, it is ORDERED that the United States Marshals Service promptly shall make arrangements with the Lafayette County Jail that allow defendant Jarrell Murray to speak telephonically with his attorney in Madison for the purpose of conferring about the time-sensitive communication from the United States Attorney's Office.

Entered this 7th day of November, 2008.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER
Magistrate Judge